

**Remarks**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Krasner et al. Applicants have amended claim 1 to call for the surfaces of the first and second bristle supports from which the respective first and second bristles extend to be capable of lying in substantially a same plane during operation of the electric toothbrush. Support for this amendment is found in figures 13 and 14, and the written description thereof. In figures 1 and 2 of Krasner, cited by the Examiner, neither of bristle supports from which bristles 7 and 11 extend have surfaces which are capable of lying in substantially a same plane during operation of the electric toothbrush. As such, Krasner does not anticipate amended claim 1 or claims 2 and 4 which depend from claim 1.

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Applicants believe the present claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested.

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